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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Original) A portable, stand-alone wash apparatus for washing the hands and feet of a user, the apparatus comprising:

- (a) a water tank;
- (b) a support frame supporting the tank above a surface; and
- (c) at least one water discharge outlet positioned generally below the tank and in flow communication with the tank.

Claim 2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the frame is of sufficient height to provide a cleaning bay generally below the discharge outlet.

Claim 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the cleaning bay is provided with an apertured floor supported by the frame.

Claim 4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the frame is collapsible.

Claim 5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the tank comprises a lid that is of a comparatively large size relative to the tank so that opening the lid provides access to at least a majority of the interior of the tank.

Claim 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the tank is of a generally transparent material.

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Claim 7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a filtering element adjacent the discharge outlet

Claim 8. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the tank comprises an inverted water bottle.

Claim 9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a valve positioned upstream of the at least one discharge outlet, the valve being adjustable between open and closed positions wherein, respectively, flow from the tank to the discharge outlet is allowed and prevented.

Claim 10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the valve comprises biasing means to bias the valve to the closed position.

Claim 11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a delay mechanism to temporarily hold the valve in at least a partially open position, resisting the closing force exerted by the biasing means.

Claim 12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the valve is provided with an actuator for moving the valve between the open and closed positions.

Claim 13. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the actuator comprises a lever adapted for manipulation by the hand of a user.

Claim 14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the actuator comprises a pedal adapted to be manipulated by the foot of a user.

Claim 15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising water treatment means for treating the water in the tank.

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Claim 16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the water treatment means comprises at least one of the group consisting of disinfectant, deodorizer, Epsom salt, and colouring.

Claim 17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the treatment means is provided in the form of a dissolving solid block placed in the tank.

Claim 18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising warming means for increasing the temperature of water in the tank.

Claim 19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the warming means comprises panels with a reflective surface mounted adjacent the water for directing and redirecting radiant energy towards water in the tank.

Claim 20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the at least one discharge outlet comprises a sprinkler head having a plurality of dispensing apertures.

Claim 21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the position of the discharge outlet relative to the frame is adjustable.

Claim 22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein a pliant conduit extends between the tank and the discharge outlet, the conduit being deformable by manipulation by a user.

Claim 23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 comprising two or more discharge outlets.

Claim 24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein at least two of the two or more discharge outlets are at different elevations, defining an upper outlet and a lower outlet.

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Claim 25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising handles attached to the tank to facilitate carrying the tank.

Claim 26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 further comprising at least one washing accessory of the group consisting of towel hangers, soap dispensers, and a brush proximate the support frame.